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Pile driving to begin Thursday at Pocatello

POCATELLO – Beginning Thursday morning work crews at the System Interchange will begin pile driving piers for new bridges. As part of Governor Little's Leading Idaho initiative, the project was fast-tracked partly due to the aging 1960s bridges due for replacement. The new piers will create a stable foundation to protect the structure of the new bridges.

Pile driving uses a hydraulic hammer that forces piers downward through the soil. Unavoidably, the operation creates noise as the hammer falls on the pier. Work for this portion of the project will be conducted during the daytime. However, in the next week or two additional pile driving will be required at Chubbuck Road that will include some nighttime work.

Motorists should carefully follow signs and posted speed limits while travelling through the construction area. With crews working day and night and with the onset of winter it is especially important that drivers be alert and proceed safely through the work area. Drivers are encouraged to check <https://511.idaho.gov> or the 511 app to keep track of road conditions and construction. Project details are available on ITD's projects website -- <https://itdprojects.org/projects/i-86-i-15-system-interchange/>

Citizens who wish to receive updates via email can subscribe at this link: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/g9MMkN9>

This project is partially funded with Transportation Expansion and Congestion Mitigation (TECM) funds as part of Governor Little's Leading Idaho initiative. The program allows ITD to accelerate project timelines to address rapid growth and build critical infrastructure today that would otherwise take many years to fund and build.

Example of a previous pile driving operation in Idaho.

[[NOTE -- Full-resolution version of image can be downloaded at: https://itd.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/IMG_3816-scaled.jpg]]

